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Applicant: OIKAWA et al. Conf.: 3399  
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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE  
3,3,3-TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2-  
METHYLPROPIONIC ACID, AND SALT THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.